

18th March 2024

Dear Karen,

**NRW Screening Request
FLA337 23-24 Allt Cefn Crug**

Thank you for your felling licence consultation. I have checked the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and note the following features:

PRN55247 POST MEDIEVAL WELL SN7914935712
A well, marked on the 1st (1888) and 2nd (1906) edition Ordnance Survey maps.

PRN14309 CEFN CRUG IRON AGE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE SN78603550
Situating on a promontory-like piece of land at 190m above sea level, this bivallate enclosure can be seen clearly on aerial photographs, and survives as a slight, though apparent earthwork. The aerial photograph shows an outer curving ditch cutting off a triangular shaped area of land to the south. Within this internal area is a small sub-circular enclosure that appears to be linked to the outer defences by a short length of ditch on the north, which gives it a similar appearance to that of a concentric annexe enclosure as seen from the air.

On the ground the 2008 site visit found that the site had changed little since a previous Dyfed Archaeological Trust site visit in 2003. The outer ditch is clearly visible defining the north edge of the enclosure, and especially well preserved at its southeast end where it is rock-cut and c.2.75m wide. There is a clear inner bank to this ditch and traces of an outer bank at its eastern end. The outer ditch is cut by a north-south ditch, or entranceway, which links the inner and outer enclosures. A sheep track now follows this route. The inner enclosure is much less distinct, although it is visible as a ditch with banks either side on the west side. In 2003 the landowner commented that some of the banks had been higher but had been deliberately flattened to make the land more usable.

In 2008 a further earthwork was noted downslope to the south of the above promontory fort. A curvilinear ditch that may well define the west half of a circular enclosure was noted. It had an average depth of c.0.8m (c.1.2m where it lies within woodland), and on average c.2m wide, possibly enclosing a circle of diameter c.50m. There was some evidence of an inner bank on the southwest, but on the east the ditch and bank fade away. It is not clear how the two earthworks area related, but assuming they are contemporary it is probable that the lower circular enclosure is an annexe.

The site is currently under pasture and is not ploughed.

P Groom, F Murphy and R Ramsey 8 March 2008.

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The current condition of these features is unknown; however, they may survive as a ruin, earthworks or below ground archaeology. We advise that these historic environment features (labelled on the map above and marked with a red star and green polygon) are protected from damage during forest operations, to comply with UKFS Forests and the historic environment guidance.

To minimise disturbance and potential damage caused by current and future forest operations, we recommend a permanent canopy of broadleaved trees be established around the enclosure PRN14309.

There is always the possibility for previously unknown remains to survive within this area of which we have no knowledge. Should further archaeological features or finds be identified it is important that Heneb – The Trust for Welsh Archaeology Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

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